Preserving the Past . . . Promising the Future

Community Center Hall Under Construction, 1952

The Stinson Beach Community Center Restoration Project

STINSON BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
DEDICATED NOVEMBER 28, 1951
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EXIT

Community Hall, 1953

In our public life, buildings take on an importance that exceeds their function. The Stinson Beach Community Center holds that distinction.

- It is our common asset and our shared responsibility.
- It is where we celebrate, meet, mourn and go for refuge.
- It blends our civic, political and spiritual aspirations and gives life to them.
- It is the modest symbol of our rural life and our commitment to our fellow citizens.

Bringing it back to a state of solidity, utility, safety and efficient function is one way we keep faith with its builders and provide it intact to our children. The restoration of the Community Center is one of those happy, unambiguous duties of civic life, like voting and giving blood, all vastly urgent...but this, amazingly more expensive.

THE PAST

In 1947 the Stinson sisters, Maude, Lillian and Eve, made a gift to the town of a parcel of land at the end of the Dipsea Trail. Today, the Stinson Beach Community Center stands on that single parcel on Belvedere Avenue and Shoreline Highway. It consists of three buildings: Fire House #1, the Hall, and the Chapel. Bordered on one side by Easkoot Creek, it backs onto the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at the point where the Matt Davis Trail comes into town. The site seems at once secluded and pastoral, yet near to and part of the active life of the village.

The Community Center was incorporated in 1947 to accept the Stinson family gift. Because of the priority of emergency services, the Firehouse was the first structure erected and completed in 1949. The Hall was completed in 1953 and the Chapel in 1962. Local volunteer craftsmen, construction workers and just plain folks, in what was a celebration of grass roots community activity and cooperation, constructed the buildings. This spirit of small town community effort imbues the Community Center to this day, and makes it a symbol of the willingness of the citizens of Stinson Beach to undertake civic activities together and to support one another in good times and sad.

THE PRESENT

The good times are the Historical Society Luncheon, the Firefighter's Ball, the Pancake Breakfast, Spaghetti Bingo, preschool, fitness classes, weddings, parties, dinners, seminars, films, public meetings, disaster training, polling and a myriad of other uses. The sad times are commemorative services, farewell gatherings and the anticipation of disaster when the Hall would be the shelter of last resort.

It would be difficult to overemphasize the importance of the Community Center to Stinson Beach in the event of a serious seismic disaster, fire or flood. It would be a nerve center for all emergency responses. It would provide emergency housing, food service, communications and distribution for the entire town.

In the event of a disaster during the summer tourist season, the Community Center would have to serve the emergency needs of thousands of visitors as well as our year round residents.

Highway 1 - Storm of 1982

THE PROJECT

To effectively serve these purposes, the Community Center is in immediate need of repair and retrofitting. While we must respond to county requirements for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and seismic retrofitting, the goal of the project is not a reinvention of the Community Center into a monument of modernity. It is to repair and remodel the existing Center so that it will be able to fulfill its purpose while maintaining its character and the civic spirit that has graced the structure since its construction over fifty years ago. The appearance of the hall would remain much as is. The scope of the project anticipated by the Board of Directors is:

Entire Community Center Compound of three buildings

- New septic system (the present system has failed)

Community Hall Building

- Significant seismic retrofit upgrade
- Insulate walls
- Remodeled bathrooms, one ADA accessible
- Electrical system code compliance
- Retrofit of storage room for archival storage for Historical Society
- Acoustic upgrade
- Painting
- Fire sprinklers
- Repair fireplace
- Landscaping
- Access ramps
- New roof

THE COST

Project Costs

Preconstruction (Development, administrative, capital campaign)	$ 85,000
Construction (Community hall, septic, archives)	565,000
	$650,000

THE FUNDING

Funding Sources

Individual donations	$400,000
Foundations	200,000
County and state funds	50,000
	$650,000

THE FUTURE

An important part of the plan for the Community Center is to insure the availability of funds for ongoing maintenance and necessary upgrades. The Board of Directors feels that the repairs and remodeling outlined above will serve to enhance the desirability of the Hall for more wedding and special event bookings, and thereby increase rental income.

To further assist in meeting annual cash flow needs, the Board is initiating the appropriate steps toward including the Community Center in the Stinson Beach Community Service Area, the entity that presently administers and maintains Village Greens I and II, or toward establishing a separate service area specifically for the Community Center. These services would be funded by an annual parcel tax, that would, of course, require the approval by ballot of Stinson Beach property owners. Whether these funds were available under the auspices of a Community Service Area or another parcel tax funded device, the availability of such an annual stipend would keep the Center in sound condition and avoid the future necessity of major capital campaigns.

THE PROMISE

The members of the Capital Campaign committee join with the members of the Board of Directors in extending an invitation to everyone in Stinson Beach to help with the Community Center restoration. Kindly review and think about the proposed project. Enthusiastically support the project with your ideas, input and good will. Then, please, help us raise the money to do the work. Thank you,

Board of Directors

Sandra Francis, President, Mary Robinson, Wendy DiPaolo, Amy Nevins-Fitzpatrick, Carol Gilman, Robin Edney, Kent Grady, Jan Cline, Frankie Accardi, Gerry Bisson, Mary Greenwood, Maxine Gilbert, Darlene Christenson

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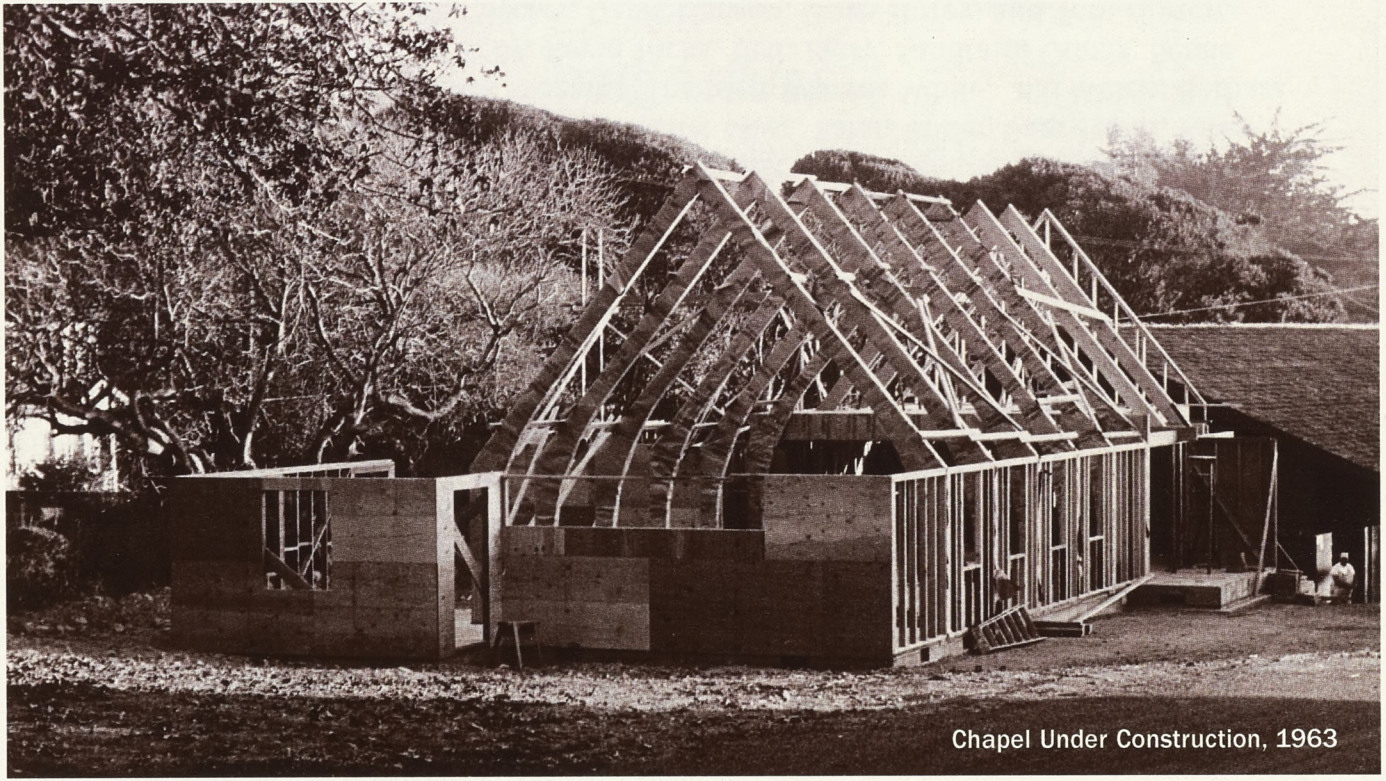

Chapel Under Construction, 1963

Photos courtesy of Stinson Beach Historical Society

Dedication Day, 1949

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Stinson Beach Community Center

NEWS

June - 2003

Where No *NEWS* is Bad News

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WOW!
We can get together, laugh a lot and work a little to put on fabulous

FUN FUNDRAISERS!

Cuisine on the Green
Parkside Dinner
Kids Movie
Surf Movie
Spaghetti Bongo

☆ **4th of July** ☆
Sat, July 5th Carnival Games, Face Painting, BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs & Strawberry Shortcake!

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Body Sculpting/Pilates	Mon 9:00am Wed 7:45pm
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Yoga	Tue 6:15 Thu 6:15
Low Impact Aerobics	Mon / Wed / Fri 6:30
July 3	8:00 Cafe Concert
July 5	Town Celebration
July 19	Ray Moritz Fire Talk
July 20	Church Music Workshop
August 2nd	Surf Movie
Sept. After Labor Day	End of Summer Party
Oct 10	Spaghetti Bongo

INTRIGUING POSSIBILITIES:
Knowlton art classes, Gottrietch language classes, kids dance class., Afro-Brazilian dance...and more!

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On Fathers' Day the Fire Department put on its very successful annual Pancake Breakfast. There's just nothing like a cup of coffee with Smokey to start the day.

On July 3rd there will be a Cafe Concert with Bill Quist on piano and mezzo soprano Kaaron Lynn Rayton will benefit Marina Crandall's voice training.

Join Rev. Bob Grove for a special "Music for Worship" workshop & potluck July 20 at 5:00.
AND for church services 9:30 every Sunday!
Questions? Call 868-2603.

EVERYONE AGREES NEW FLOOR IMPROVES ACOUSTICS !!!
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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

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Join the fun! Give Sandra a call: 868-**9522**

GET INVOLVED! CALL TODAY

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BULK RATE
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PERMIT #3

Get the whole gang together for the 5th!

4th of July celebrations are another example of Stinson Beach's rich history of community involvement.
This photo is from the growing collection of the S. B. Historical Society.

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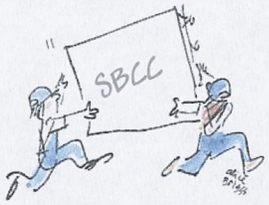

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Cuisine	$ 700
Parkside Dinner	$ xxx
Kids Movie	$ 305
Surf Movie	$
Bingo	$ 50

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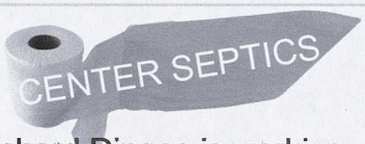

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	Amy xxxxxxx	868-
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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Stinson Beach Community Center

NEWS

November 2003

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Happy Anniversary to our Community Center!

TIME TO SHAPE UP!

Dawn Damas Body Sculpting/Pilates
Mon + Fri 9:00am Wed 7:00pm

Goldie Rush Aerobics
Mon Wed Fri 6:00pm

Hal's Yoga
Tues Thurs 6:15pm

Jennifer's Cardio-Kickboxing
Tues Thurs 5:00pm
(Childcare on Tues!)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fri.	Nov. 14	6:00pm	Spaghetti Bongo
Tue.	Nov. 18	6:30pm	SBCC General Mtg
Sat.	Nov. 22	3-7pm	Montessori Auction
Sat.	Nov. 29		Fireman's Ball

Fri.	Dec. 5		Christmas Luncheon
Sat.	Dec. 6	10:00am	Village Association
Mon.	Dec. 22	6:00pm	Winter Solstace @ VG II
		7:00pm	SANTA at the Center including potluck dinner
Wed.	Dec. 24	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun.	Dec. 28	6:00pm	Gather for Carolling
		7:00pm	A Child's Christmas in Wales

DID YOU KNOW?
Blackout boards are available for the windows. Along with the comfy new chairs and you've got a possible theater!

Center Septic

Save Our Center

It's taken a lot of head scratching by the SOC committee but after 2 years of meeting with the community, architects & builders, final plans for rebuilding the Hall are finally complete.
Construction bids are being finalized & work will begin in the Spring.
When it's all done
we'll have a new roof & windows;
ADA bathrooms;
historical archives & workspace;
a working fireplace &
a warm & dry Gallery.

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Fireman's Ball

DON'T MISS THE MAGIC!
Christmas Eve services at 8:00pm
conclude with special candle light blessings.
Join Rev. Bob Grove for
church services 9:30 every Sunday!
Questions? Call 868-2603.

DISASTER NEWS

Nov 7 12-6 Blood Drive

Richard Reasoner
(868-0479)

JOIN THE FUN!

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The following chart shows typical Expenses, Volunteer Contributions, Fund Raising, and Uses of the Center for various years from the start of the Stinson Beach Community Center, Inc. The participating organizations were the Community Church, the Progressive Club, Allied Arts, the Fire Department and later Ambulance Corp., and the Parent Teacher Club. The Village Association has replaced the Progressive Club, and the SB Historical Society has joined.

Note:
Where blanks occur on chart, the annual report stated the "treasurer's report attahed" but was not included.

YEARS	EXPENDITURES	VOLUNTEER HOURS & MATERIALS	FUND RAISING	USES AND ACTIVITIES
1947 set up corp.	Acceptance of land donation (from Stinson family) Expenses: $188.00	Title search Surveying Permits Clearing (Fire Dept) Arch. plan	July 4th Carnival $3150	
1948 to 1949 Unit #1 Fire House	Completion cost $3,440.00 (1/4 normal cost at time) +wiring ($300)	Volunteer builders on weekends. Allied Arts supplied meals. Fire Dept finished inside with own funds	July 4th 1948 $1,870 Bequest $1,000 Member donations $70	1949 Opening Ceremony Uses: Boy Scouts Cubs Campfire Girls Teen dances Member meetings Civil Defense
			Total deposits $10,000 2/1/49	
1950 to 1953 Unit #2 Center Build.	Stove, chairs and tables for Unit #1 Completion cost Unit #2--$17,000 for materials Utilities paid by members rental fees	Volunteered for Unit #2 Labor 9682 hrs. Meals 1675 served	July 4th 1952 $3,750 July 4th $3,200 Each member group give one fund raiser	Halfway Dinner--180 served.. 1952 Dedication Party 1953 Uses continued

1954	Operating expenses $1,000 paid by member fees. garden $640 from Memorial Fund	Not available in annual report	July 4th $3200 Rummage Sale Many Events listed in next column were also fund raisers.	Classes: Farm Exten. First aid Sunday school Member groups Dances Plays Card parties Meetings
1955 1956 (Flood)	(Not included in Annual Reports)	Blacktop parking area Flood control and repair	No July 4th -raffles not allowed by law Community appeal $473 Rummage Sale $1,100	Samples: Youth Open House Luncheons Halloween Party Bruno Schnieder exhibit Theater By 1959 250 yearly uses
1960s Unit #3 Church	(Not included in Annual Reports)	Volunteer labor to build Church Gift Window for Church Center Building 1964 new lighting interior painted Sprinkler system	Allied Arts yearly contribution from Rummage Sale	In these10 years 150-380 uses per year Church Dedication 1963
1970s	(Not included in Annual Report)	Volunteer labor: kitchen painted drain & counter repair new floor in restrooms new stove fill for lawn repainted center paint flag pole tree trimming rebuild play yard stabilize creek bed cleanup gutters repaired Fire House-remodeled		In these 10 years 200-400 uses per year

1980s	1988 (rounded off) Utilities $2580 Cleaning $1504 Maintenance $1436 Equipment $881 Fund Raising $3488 Insurance $5824 Taxes $1656 Misc $1397 Total $18,987	Volunteer labor: septic tanks attended paint rain gutters trim trees terrace garden bulk heads replaced clean up	1988 (rounded off) Barbeques $927 Dance 3,466 Dipsea Breakfast 1,304 Bazaars 1,866 Donations 8,480 Rent 10,500 Dues 750 Total $29,025	In these 10 years 800-950 uses per year 1989 Sample list next page
1990s		hall lighting seismic safety waste disposal fireproofing pest control picnic tables retaining wall church basement remodeled chapel floors refinished/ carpets chapel bathrooms structural work propane heater Village Green project new leases equipment-copier, computer,chairs rentable items Garden Club increased members ..... Revision of SBCC Board & Comm. Structure Manager-installed Annual budget Updated leases	1995 (as example) rentals $8000 donations 17000 Fund Raisers Line Dancing Cuisine on the Green Variety Show Summer BBQ Haunted House Holiday Cele. Spagetthi Bingo Raffle SBMM Party $12,000 to SBCC	Community Survey: See note below Most uses mention in previous years were continued with rentals added. '95 H.S. storage cabinets Wedding rentals Gallery-shows adult ed classes dance classes Cirque du Lagoon Theater SBMM Party
2000	to be continued			

At a Special Board meeting in March of 1995, Terry Donohue reported the results of a community survey she and Raven Schauf initiated and conducted. "The survey response group was primarily permanent residents and indicated a blief that the Center should primarily serve as a "Hub" for community events and activities, specifically to serve as a local meeting place, affordable community locale for all purposes, an emergency location, and an educational and training center."

February 1990...Annual Meeting (1989 Uses)

Allied Arts	29	
Plays (Allied Arts)	57	
Rehearsal and performances	45	
Children's Christmas play	12	
Church	59	
Support groups	249	
Fire & Ambulance	64	
Senior lunches	52	
Public Health nurse	10	
Parent Teachers Club	220	
meetings	8	
school	206	
parties	2	
pot luck	1	
dinners	2	
bingo	1	
Village Association	31	
Community Center Inc	18	
meetings	7	
bazaar	3	
committees	8	
Private parties	3	
Elections	2	
Candidates Night	1	
Exercise class	27	
Yoga class	5	
Weddings	4	
Red Cross	1	
Seadrift Meetings	4	
Chorus	8	
Medical Center Meet.	5	
Casino Night	2	
Memorial services	3	
Dances	3	Total 947

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